

STATE ASSESSORS BOARD
2008-2009 CERTIFICATION RENEWAL HOURS INCREASE
ANNOUNCEMENT

In late October of 2007, a request for written input was made on behalf of the State Assessors Board regarding the possibility of increasing the number of annual certification renewal hours required of assessing officers from 6 to 12. Considerable written input on this issue was received. This input was provided to the State Assessors Board for its review and consideration at its December 21, 2007 meeting. For those who expended time and effort responding to the request for input, thank you.

At its December meeting, the State Assessors Board voted to increase the number of required certification renewal hours from 6 to 12 each year, effective October 1, 2008. This action was in keeping with the Board's commitment to providing assessment administration education to assessing officers. It is hoped that this action will be beneficial to assessment administration in Michigan. In taking this action, it was recognized that both the Michigan Assessors Association and the Michigan Association of Equalization Directors formally supported the increase in continuing education hours for assessing officers. The Board's action on this issue also brings the continuing education required of assessing professionals in line with the continuing education requirements of other similar professionals.

This change will not affect the current renewal period. It will first be effective for the 2008-2009 renewal period. Also, no decision has yet been made by the Board with regard to a second mandatory 6-hour renewal program for the 2008-2009 renewal period. It is anticipated that the need for such a program will be evaluated by the Board in the coming months.

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